October 1, 1948

American Numismatic Society
Broadway bet. 155th and 156th Streets
New York 32, New York

Gentlemen:

I am sending to you under separate cover eight coins in connection with the work I am doing on imitation English half pence. Would you be kind enough to photograph them in one plate on the obverse and one plate on the reverse, as you have done with the others I have sent to you.

I appreciate very much your cooperation in this matter, and look forward to receipt of the coins and pictures at your early convenience.

I will, of course, remit the amount of the charges upon receiving a memorandum from you.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

New York, Oct. 8, 1948

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

To The American Numismatic Society, Dr.

BROADWAY, BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STREETS

Photography of 8 imitation half pence. 2 negatives at $1.00 each
. . . . . $2.00

Pd 10/20/48

February 14, 1950

American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets
New York 32, New York

Attn: Mr. Baker

Gentlemen:

About a year and a half ago you were kind enough to photograph certain Fugio Cents for me. Since that time I have located some specimens from new dies as well as some which will photograph better than those I had at the time.

I am, therefore, enclosing five Fugio Cents and one imitation half penny. Only one side (as designated) of the Fugio Cents is to be photographed, and both sides of the imitation half penny, which will make 7 images in all. I imagine this can be done on one plate by splitting it in half, but if two are to be used that is perfectly satisfactory. If you use two plates, you might photograph the sun dial side of 16-H and the link side of 21-I in addition, but those are not at all necessary.

Please be kind enough to send me a statement when this work is completed.

Thank you for your cooperation, and my best regards to Mr. Noe and Mr. Mosser.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/mc

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
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BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STS.
NEW YORK 32, N.Y.

6 July 1950

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St.Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman :

May I start by thanking you for your exceedingly generous offer to submit many of your Colonials for examination. However, Ford and I have decided that the proper method is to go at a very slow pace and attach a feeling of totality to one coin at a time. We chose the Clinton Cent arbitrarily and that coin itself will take time to "chew all the wrinkles out of". Inasmuch as my duties at the Museum are manifold and Mr.Ford has his private business committments, we cannot devote eight hours a day to one series; the important thing is to be precise and accurate.

Our future plans call for straightening all the loose ends in Colonials,i.e., examination of all series that were not worked over by Crosby and the other standard authorities such as Maris for New Jersey, yourself on Fugios, etc.etc. Another project in the near future will be a complete photographic record of Hard Times Tokens--comprising the collections of the A.N.S., yourself, Fred Boyd, and others who may have unique pieces. As you know, Adams' plates are unobtainable and Raymond's 1942 catalogue is unsatisfactory because of half-tones. In addition, my particular aim is to include other store cards and politicals that Low excluded, by virtue of proof of thier being struck during the Hard Times period.

At the risk of being accused of overextension of lines, may I state that all this will not be accomplished overnight. Our primary aim is to revive the glorious tradition of nineteenth century collectors; those men who had imagination beyond dates and mintmarks and whose approach to Americana went beyond mere flag-

waving on Independence Day. These giants never faltered when it came to Colonials, tokens, store cards, and medals. I am certain, Mr.Newman, that you share our visions for a return to real and basic American numismatics.

Again may I thank you for your offer and the only thing I require now is your Clinton Cent plus any Clinton electros and casts. As for Bolen's copies, we have them in copper, brass, and a silver one struck over a U.S. quarter. Another struck copy in copper, in my own possession, is decidedly not Bolen's and it is much cruder.

With kindest regards

Richard D. Kenney

Richard D. Kenney

July 11, 1950

American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th
New York 32, New York

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing herewith my uncirculated specimen of the George Clinton New York cent. It is a real gem. It has a beautiful patina and I am sure you will be careful in handling it, as you have been with other coins sent to you in the past.

You will note that this specimen has four diagonal clamping marks opposite the second "N" of Clinton which apparently resulted at the time the coin was held for striking.

Please be kind enough to acknowledge receipt of this coin.

Very truly yours,

EPNewman/mw
Enc.
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14 July 1950

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your Clinton cent certainly is a gem and this letter acknowledges receipt of the coin.

The museum photographer is away on his vacation and will return on the twenty-first – I must therefore humbly ask you for a ten-day delay in shipping the coin back to you.

So far, I have seen two Clintons struck over Immunis Columbia, one other genuine several shades less fine than yours and many, many fakes. I believe I now have all the important distinguishing features.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Kenney

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